

SECTION I: AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 7, 13, and 20 as set forth in the following complete listing of the claims of the application.

1. (Currently amended) A digital audio playback device (DAPD) comprising:
an external interface included within the digital audio playback device and coupled to a connected processing system, said connected processing system executing a user interface application program that accesses and controls said digital audio playback device via said external interface;
a memory included within the digital audio playback device and coupled to said external interface, wherein the memory ~~that~~ stores a reverse DAPD application programming interface (API); and
a processor coupled to said memory and said external interface that executes said reverse DAPD API, said reverse DAPD API causes said processor to access and control a user interface associated with said user interface application program, wherein the user interface associated with said user interface application program is ~~is~~ displayed on a monitor screen associated with said connected processing system.
2. (Previously presented) The digital audio playback device as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said reverse DAPD API comprises executable instructions that communicates with and controls an operation of said user interface application program.
3. (Previously presented) The digital audio playback device as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said reverse DAPD API comprises first data which identifies a manufacturer of said digital audio playback device, and wherein said reverse DAPD API causes an identity of the manufacturer to be displayed on the monitor screen in a human-readable form.
4. (Previously presented) The digital audio playback device as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said reverse DAPD API comprises first data associated with a

manufacturer of said digital audio playback device, and wherein said reverse DAPD API causes said processor to access and control at least a portion of said user interface to display said first data in said at least a portion of said user interface displayed on said monitor screen.

5. (Original): The digital audio playback device as set forth in Claim 4 wherein said first data comprises a graphics file comprising a logo image associated with said manufacturer.

6. (Original): The digital audio playback device as set forth in Claim 4 wherein said first data comprises a Universal Resource Locator (URL) associated with an Internet web site associated with said manufacturer.

7. (Currently amended) A processing system comprising:
an external interface included within and coupled to a connected digital audio playback device, said connected digital audio playback device plays audio files stored in said digital audio playback device;

a memory included within the digital audio playback device and coupled to said external interface, wherein the memory ~~that~~ stores a user interface application program that accesses and controls said digital audio playback device via said external interface and that stores a reverse DAPD application programming interface (API); and

a processor coupled to said memory and said external interface that executes said user interface application program and said reverse DAPD API, said reverse DAPD API communicates with said digital audio playback device and enables said digital audio playback device to access and control a user interface associated with said user interface application program, wherein the user interface associated with said user interface application program is ~~is~~ displayed on a monitor screen associated with said processing system.

8. (Previously presented) The processing system as set forth in Claim 7 wherein said reverse DAPD API comprises executable instructions that communicates with and controls an operation of said user interface application program.
9. (Previously presented) The processing system as set forth in Claim 7 wherein said reverse DAPD API comprises first data indicative of an identity of a manufacturer of said digital audio playback device, and wherein said reverse DAPD API causes an identity of said manufacturer to be displayed in said at least a portion of said user interface displayed in said monitor screen.
10. (Previously presented) The processing system as set forth in Claim 7 wherein said reverse DAPD API comprises first data associated with an identity of a manufacturer of said digital audio playback device, and wherein said reverse DAPD API enables said digital audio playback device to access and control at least a portion of said user interface to display said first data in said at least a portion of said user interface displayed on said monitor screen.
11. (Original) The processing system as set forth in Claim 10 wherein said first data comprises a graphics file comprising a logo image associated with said manufacturer.
12. (Original) The processing system as set forth in Claim 10 wherein said first data comprises a Universal Resource Locator (URL) associated with an Internet web site associated with said manufacturer.
13. (Currently amended) A method of displaying information on a monitor screen, said method for use in association with a digital audio playback device (DAPD) and a connected processing system connected to the digital audio playback device, the method comprising the steps of:
executing via a first processor in the connected processing system a user interface application program that accesses and controls the digital audio playback device; and

executing via a second processor a reverse DAPD application programming interface (API) in the digital audio playback device, wherein the step of executing the reverse DAPD API enables the digital audio playback device to access and control a user interface associated with the user interface application program, wherein the user interface associated with said user interface application program is [[and]] displayed on a monitor screen associated with the connected processing system.

14. (Previously presented) The method as set forth in Claim 13 wherein the reverse DAPD API comprises executable instructions that communicates with and controls an operation of the user interface application program.

15. (Previously presented) The method as set forth in Claim 13 wherein the reverse DAPD API comprises first data associated with a manufacturer of the digital audio playback device and wherein the step of executing the reverse DAPD includes using the first data to vary at least a portion of the user interface.

16. (Previously presented) The method as set forth in Claim 13 wherein the reverse DAPD API comprises first data associated with a manufacturer of the digital audio playback device and wherein the step of executing the reverse DAPD API comprises the substep of accessing and controlling at least a portion of the user interface displayed on the monitor screen.

17. (Original) The method as set forth in Claim 16 wherein the step of executing the reverse DAPD API comprises the substep of displaying the first data in the at least a portion of the user interface.

18. (Original) The method as set forth in Claim 17 wherein the first data comprises a graphics file comprising a logo image associated with the manufacturer.

19. (Original) The method as set forth in Claim 17 wherein the first data comprises a Universal Resource Locator (URL) associated with an Internet web site associated with the manufacturer.

20. (Currently amended) Computer-executable instructions comprising a method of displaying information on a monitor screen, said method for use in association with a digital audio playback device (DAPD) and a processing system connected to the digital audio playback device, said computer-executable instructions stored on a removable storage medium readable by said connected processing system, the method comprising the steps of:

executing via a first processor in the connected processing system a user interface application program that accesses and controls the digital audio playback device; and

executing via a second processor a reverse DAPD application programming interface (API) in the digital audio playback device, wherein the step of executing the reverse DAPD API enables the digital audio playback device to access and control a user interface associated with the user interface application program, wherein the user interface associated with said user interface application program is [[and]] displayed on a monitor screen associated with the connected processing system.

21. (Previously presented) The computer-executable instructions stored on a removable storage medium as set forth in Claim 20 wherein the reverse DAPD API comprises executable instructions that communicates with and controls an operation of the user interface application program.

22. (Original) The computer-executable instructions stored on a removable storage medium as set forth in Claim 20 wherein the reverse DAPD API comprises first data associated with a manufacturer of the digital audio playback device.

23. (Original) The computer-executable instructions stored on a removable storage medium as set forth in Claim 22 wherein the step of executing the reverse DAPD

API comprises the substep of accessing and controlling at least a portion of the user interface displayed on the monitor screen.

24. (Original) The computer-executable instructions stored on a removable storage medium as set forth in Claim 23 wherein the step of executing the reverse DAPD API comprises the substep of displaying the first data in the at least a portion of the user interface.